

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor – Councillor Simon Cassidy – in the chair

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors – Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid, Naomi Taylor and Julian Smith.

Mayor's Chaplain – Reverend Andrew Day.

Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson

Members of the Public – Kate Reed (Head of Employability and Pathways – Real Ideas Organisation RIO), David Braithwaite (Cooption Candidate – see agenda item 7).

The Mayor asked those assembled to stand and observe a minute's silence to mark the death of our late sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. The Mayor then handed the meeting to the Mayor's Chaplain Reverend Andrew Day to lead the Council and members of the public in prayer.

190 / 22 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors David Ambler and Tony Powell.

191 / 22 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

192 / 22 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor made the following observations and reminded:

- Death of Queen Elizabeth II – The Mayor thanked the staff for organising the flag flying, the book of condolence and supporting the various events and the Councillors for attending the ceremonies in conjunction with the various organizations and the towns people.
- Crying the Neck – The Mayor had attended the annual celebration of the completion of the harvest. He thanked Rod Sheaf for his provision and rendition of the ceremony in Cornish, which he had also provided at the events marking the death of the late Queen Elizabeth.
- Liskeard Unlocked – The Mayor thanked Councillor Rachel Brooks, Mandy and team for organizing the Liskeard Unlocked celebrations this year.

193 / 22 **TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2022** – Subject to the change, Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2022.

194 / 22 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Kate Reed (Head of Employability and Pathways – Real Ideas Organisation RIO). Explained the context of the current works and intended future phases of works to the library. Kate spoke to a series of photographs to show progress and issues. Councillors also asked some questions. The main points were:

- Context – the initial project had started with a notional need for £123,000 for essential works in 2016. There had been on-going issues including difficulty in securing some funding streams. The Covid pandemic had hit the timescales. Recently, it had not proved possible to secure a company to manage the overall project. Consequently, various items have had to be sub-contracted. Some local firms were employed in the project. 53/22

- Phase 1 – the project works are now fully funded (including a contribution through the G7 legacy monies). In answer to a councillor question – there is an item to confirm, but it is hoped the Phase 1 will be complete and open to the public in early 2023.
- Phases 2-3 – would provide the final works to the other parts of the building. They would be linked to a programme of activities to help draw people back into the library and town centre. These phases would receive some G7 legacy monies. An application was being submitted to the Shared Prosperity Fund. A Councillor noted that applications for the Shared Prosperity Fund needed to be supported by the local Cornwall Councillors and the MP.
- Gross Cost – in answer to a question – Phase 1 would £750,000. Phases 2-3 would raise the gross scheme cost to £900,000. (Post meeting cost estimated revised to £1.2 million)

195 / 22 **GRANT APPLICATION.** – The anticipated grant application had not been received yet.

196 / 22 **CO-OPTION CANDIDATE INTERVIEW – TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY** – a). Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** David John Braithwaite as the Councillor for the South ward vacancy on the Town Council. b). Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve Councillor David Braithwaite as a member of the following committees, Planning, Communications & Engagement, Facilities, Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee.

197 / 22 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders.

The Mayor updated Council regarding the timescales connected with the purchase of Christmas lights (Minute 138 / 72 – Communications & Engagement Committee refers). Following, consideration of the impact on cooperation with external partners, Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a sum of £3,000 be taken from the General Reserve to fund the purchase of Christmas lights'. The decision on purchases being delegated to the Communications & Engagement Committee, in conjunction with the £2,000 already reserved from within the Communications & Engagement Committee budget.

Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to resume Standing Orders.

- a. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 4th August 2022.
- b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 8th August 2022.
- c. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee held on 30th August 2022.
- d. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 5th September 2022.

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198 / 22 **RFO REPORTS (9-12)** – Noted.

199 / 22 **BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23** – Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note and approve the budget monitoring report.

200 / 22 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

201 / 22 **QUORACY – PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – STANDING ORDERS (3.v.i)** – During consideration of the item, it was noted that the addition of the new councillor to the Planning Committee would raise the Quoracy requirements in normal circumstances. It was suggested that some of the existing councillors who were members of the Planning Committee, but had not attended this year should consider whether the commitment is too regular, to stand down from the Committee and reduce the Quoracy figure and pressure.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to extend the Planning Committee's use of a quoracy of 4.

202 / 22 **STRATEGY GROUP MEETINGS – PROPOSALS** – a). Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to trial for a 6 month period holding monthly Council meetings. b). The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to follow the views of the Cattle Market Makers Board and keep holding the meetings of the Board and bring written updates to the Council. c). The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to refer consideration of the new of the Committee to the Communications & Engagement Committee.

203 / 22 **QUIMPERLE TWINNING RESPONSE** – Following consideration, Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to cover the costs from the General Reserve.

204 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe gave the following update:

Community Network Panel – Death of Queen Elizabeth II – “In my role as Liskeard Looe community network chairman, I personally wish to thank the clerk, Mayor and the councillors for their respect and efficient manner in handling the protocol required for the death of the Queen Elizabeth II”.

“I was very aware of the extra responsibilities and duties that fell on each parish and I know the Queen would have been proud of the way the announcement, proclamation, condolences and period of mourning was executed. Thank you to all. For my part I was please to attend many of these occasions, including church services in some of my parishes”.

Community Network Panel – Review of Number and Functions “I have been attending the chairs of the community network workshops which are dealing with the proposal to reduce the number of networks. this includes looking at the role of the networks going forward and will include the geography, funding, place, function, planning and other important functions.

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“The next step will be consultation with local members. Later in October and into November there will be wider engagement with the parish councils. It will then go on to neighbourhoods, on to Cabinet and then considered at full council. There will be ample opportunity to add to comment on the proposals.”

Bus Services – “On behalf of the parishes who attended the last Community Network meeting I was pleased to write to Gemma Arthur regarding the reduction in the bus services in the villages in our hinterland. I have requested a further review in 6 months’ time as I thought the figures used were taken from the pandemic period and that this was neither appropriate nor accurate.”

Taxi Provision – “During September I chaired a meeting with the taxi trade, who I consider to be an important part of our public transport network. The trade is experiencing difficulties in recruiting drivers and also with the increasing fuel costs. We are encouraging the trade to consider EV vehicles, but there is much work to do as charging points are not easily available”.

Asset Management – “I was pleased to second and speak to Cllr. Crakers’ motion at full council to entitle local members to attend the asset management group meetings, previously for officers only. This will now ensure there will be no surprises with use or disposal of CC properties or assets in our division”.

Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker gave the following update:

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service – a consultation is currently being undertaken with regards the delivery of the Fire Service function through an established control Partnership. The CCTV function is not part of the process under review. (Agenda Item 17).

Housing – The current policy is under review with particularity with regards the impact on Homelessness.

Graylands’ House – This Cornwall Council owned property is considered for use as a “Key Worker” housing project.

205 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

206 / 22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – 15th September 2022 – Cornwall Council – Kathryn Billing – Chief Fire Officer – Fire Control Efficiency Review. - Noted

207 / 22 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 25th October 2022

Councillor Brook proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PART II.**

208 / 22 **PART II - PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of Business:

19. **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – To note the unapproved minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2022.

209 / 22 **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public were readmitted to the meeting.